

# Town Topics

MARCH 2009

## HELLO FROM THE TOWN CHAIR.

The winter of 2009 has started off with the snow being more cooperative for the highway department.

First and foremost, make sure you vote with the elections coming up. Respect our freedom to be part of a voting democracy. Research your vote. You owe it to yourself to know why the candidates want to be on the board. You will know then, what your vote will mean to you.

In February, the town board and the parks department voted to put more playground equipment in Lindale Park, off Bradley Street. All three town parks will have port-a-potties at them by summer. They will be in from June through September. Citizens – please take pride in keeping an eye on your town parks. Report any wrong behavior.

Also, coming to the town this spring (close to the intersection of Huebbe Parkway and Creek Road) an entrance will be accessible off of Creek Road to Turtle Creek for the Town of Turtle kayak and canoe launch park.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all committee members, department heads, employees, and all volunteer citizens a special thank you. With my personal health, a very special thank you to those who may have gone above and beyond to help me out. It has been an honor to work with you and be a part of your lives. To all citizens, continue to work hard together for the quality of life that we all have. – Dan DeLong, Town of Turtle, Chairman

**IS EUCHRE YOUR GAME OF CHOICE? The Turtle Community Organization Committee (4<sup>TH</sup> of July Committee)** will be holding a Euchre Tournament, Saturday March 21, 2009 at the Community Center, starting at 6:00 pm. There will be food, beverages, prizes, conversation and a lot of fun to be had. So, whether you play cards or just want to get out of the house and shake those winter blues away, mark the date on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Help wanted!** New faces, ideas and suggestions are now being accepted for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. This year's event will be held the weekend of June 26-June 28. If you would like to be a part of putting on the festivities or can spare a few hours to volunteer that weekend; please join us at

our monthly meetings, the third Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm at the Community Center. More information on either, please contact Melissa Haseman, 365-6112. – Melissa Haseman, Turtle 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee.

## SUCCESSFUL PANCAKE FEED

The Turtle Fire Department would like to thank everybody that came to our 54<sup>th</sup> annual Pancake Feed. It was a great success! We served over 2100 people. Without the help and donations of many, our pancake feed would not have been such a success. With the profit made, it will help us better serve our community. Thanks again for all your support. – Tim Huffman, Fire Chief

**ATV SAFETY** – As spring approaches and the snow melts, more and more ATVs are hitting the trails. This is a good time to review ATV safety. ATVs are not toys! They are powerful and potentially dangerous vehicles. ATVs can travel at speeds in excess of 60 mph and can weight in excess of 700 lbs. ATVs can easily roll and tip over. Their unpredictable nature in off-road conditions makes training and proper use essential. In 2003, there were an estimated 740 deaths associated with ATVs; injuries were treated in hospital emergency rooms. All riders should always wear a helmet when on an ATV. About one-third of ATV related deaths and injuries involve children. Anyone younger than 16 should never be on an adult ATV. Stay off paved roads and avoid unfamiliar terrain. Never carry a passenger on a single-rider ATV. Do not ride along ditch-lines or on property before asking the landowner for permission first. Do not drive an ATV while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. More information on ATV safety and information on safety courses can be found at [www.atvsafety.gov](http://www.atvsafety.gov). – Rich LeFeber, Police Chief.

## EIGHT WAYS TO GREEN BY YOUR BATTERY USE.

1) Replace one at a time. 2) Embrace heavy metal. 3) Laptops aren't for laps. 4) Keep your batteries cool. 5) Wait for good receptions. 6) Insulate your car battery. 7) Crank up your batteries. 8) Opt for plugging in. These tips to green your battery use was taken from [Earth911.com](http://Earth911.com). Go to this website to read the entire article written by Trey Granger. – Deb Bennett, Recycling

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**MAY 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 TOWN OF TURTLE ALL COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE DATE.** Mark your calendars and join with many of our community to sell those slightly used and/or forgotten goods that were in the back of closets and garages. Here is that opportunity you've been waiting for to recycle and clean-out.

**APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 – REMEMBER TO VOTE.** It is a privilege to have this time to voice your preference. Your vote does matter!

**CALENDER OF EVENTS & MEETINGS:** All meetings are conducted in the Town of Turtle Community Center. For information call (608) 362-0655.

**March 4 2009 - Court 6 pm**

**Safety Committee**

**March 11, 2009 - Town Board Meeting 7pm**

**March 18, 2009 – Planning & Zoning 7 pm**

**April 7, 2009 – V O T E**

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